

Editor's Note

As we are posting the July 2015 issue of Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base, I wish to remind our readers that this academic effort was initially developed in 1998 as an on-line follow-up to Terrorism: An International Journal, published in 1977 by Crane, Russak in New York and subsequently by Taylor and Francis in the U.K. As director of the State University of New York (SUNY) Institute for Studies in International Terrorism, it was my honor to be the founder and Editor-in-Chief of these two publications.

In its current form, Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base was launched again in August 2012 in order to provide continuity to earlier studies on the "Age of Terrorism" and to close research gaps in the growing literature on the manifold aspects of the emerging disciplinary subject. Our primary objective is to focus on identifying warning signals on conventional and unconventional terrorism in the post 9/11 era and recommend national, regional, and global strategies to confront potential security challenges to all societies.

The current issue consists of selected presentations by invited speakers from both the public and private sectors as well as several regional reports published in 2015. Topics covered in this issue include "Health Security Challenges and Responses: From Ebola to Terrorism"; The Ukraine Crisis: Quo Vadis?"; "The Role of the Military in Combating Terrorism"; "The Role of Religion in Combating Terrorism"; "Terrorism Victimization of Women and Children: Costs, Lessons, and Future Outlook"; "International Cooperation in Combating Terrorism: Review of 2014 and Outlook for 2015"; and "From Terrorism to War Crimes: Past Lessons and Future Outlook." These seminars were held during the period October 2014-April 2015. More updated electronic and printed versions will be published subsequently.

Other materials incorporated in this issue are two reports published in hard copies during February-March 2015. The topics include "Terrorism in North Africa and the Sahel in 2014" and "Europe: Quo Vadis? (Political, Legal, and Security Perspectives.)"

Daily chronologies of terrorism-related events for the period January-June 2015 based on national and international media reports are also incorporated. This section was prepared by a team of researchers and interns that included Cristina Alston (University at Albany, SUNY), Laura Blackerby (American University), Genevieve Boutilier (University of Maryland Baltimore County), Dillon Bowman (University of Rochester), Julie Byrne (The Catholic University of America), Dor Cohen (Brandeis University), Andrew Coley (Quinnipiac University), Elinoram Hafner (University of Maryland), Ilana Hale (Arizona State University), Ryan Hendrickson (SUNY Oneonta), Elizabeth Howard (University of Mary Washington), Julia Johnson (Johns Hopkins University), Ethan Kannel (Cornell University), Dan Layman (Georgetown University), Eric Pons (Emory University), Benjamin Schaefer (Hofstra University), Andrew Tabas (Georgetown University), Rohit P. Tallapragada (Georgetown University), Anikh Wadhawan (University of California, Riverside), Jacob Westerberg (University of California, Riverside).

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